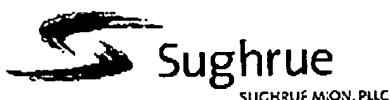


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In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 8-12 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner continues to reject claims 6 and 8-12 under § 103 as being unpatentable over Dauber et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,538,545) in view of Takiguchi, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,804,074) for the reasons presented in the previous Office Action.

Reviewing the prosecution history of this case, in the last response, Applicants argued that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to substitute the high